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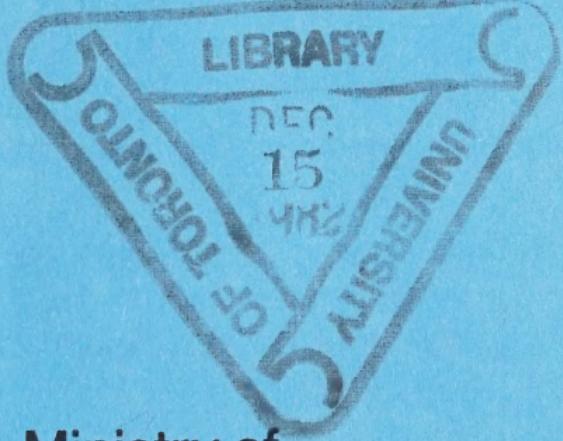
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Ontario's  
Vehicle Registration  
System



Ontario

Ministry of  
Transportation and  
Communications

Hon. James Snow, Minister  
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## What "Plate to Owner" Registration Means to You

On December 1, when 1983 licence renewal stickers go on sale, Ontario introduces a new system of vehicle registration. Under the new system, licence plates for your vehicle will be **registered to you**—not to the vehicle.

If you are the current owner of a vehicle, you will retain your present plates, and **not** be issued a new plate. If you sell your vehicle, **remove the plates** and keep them for your next vehicle.

## Benefits of the System

- staggered annual renewal based on birthdate of vehicle owner. If you're a joint registered owner, you may choose the birthdate of any of the owners.
- the end of long lineups for stickers.
- single registration fee for vehicles (except commercial vehicles over 3,000 kg).
- elimination of parking tickets or summonses going to former owners.
- licence issuing agents will be able to replace lost or stolen permits.
- a more accurate and up-to-date record of vehicle registrations.

## Staggered Renewal

Under the new system, registered owners will renew on their birthdate.

Companies will be assigned or may choose an annual renewal date for their vehicles, or after June 1, 1983 pick several dates throughout the year and renew a specified number of vehicles on each date.

When you buy your 1983 renewal sticker (between Dec. 1/82-Feb. 28/83), your renewal for passenger cars, light trucks or vans will be \$4 a month starting January 1/83 to your birthdate.

### Examples:

- If you were born between January 1 and May 31, you purchase a validation sticker valid until your birthday in 1984. Say your birthday is in April, you purchase a sticker valid from January 1, 1983 to April 1984 (16 months) for a fee of \$64. After that, you renew your registration for 12 months each April for a fee of \$48.
- If you were born after June 1st, you make two trips to a licence issuing office for 1983. For example, if your birthday is in September, you will pay \$36 for nine months. Then in September 1983, you purchase another sticker for the following 12 months that will cost \$48 and be valid until September 1984.

On the invitation to renew, which will be sent to you approximately 45 days before your renewal date, there is space to list information changes, such as information on your vehicle, address, name change, etc., which you take to a licence issuing office.

The law requires that the vehicle permit must be carried in the vehicle for which it was issued.

## Denial of Renewal

Beginning June 1983, you will be denied renewal if you have an unpaid parking ticket or if you have given the Ministry an NSF cheque.

The invitation to renew will tell you if you have any unpaid fines for which you may be denied renewal. You must pay these fines when you renew.

## Commercial Vehicles

The annual fee for commercial vehicles weighing 3,000 kg or less will be \$72.

If registration has been renewed to March 31, 1983 and the owner wants to buy a validation sticker for the next year, then the fee is prorated from April 1, 1983 to the owner's birthdate or, if a company, to the assigned or chosen dates.

Validation stickers for commercial vehicles weighing more than 3,000 kg will continue to have the option to renew on a quarterly basis. The fee structure remains the same... determined by the weight of the vehicle.

*As of March 31, 1983, new validation stickers for commercial vehicles will go on the front licence plate instead of on the windshield.*

Under the new system, renewal stickers for commercial vehicles will be available on December 15, 1982 for the period beginning January 1, 1983; on March 1, 1983 for the period beginning April 1, 1983; on June 15, 1983 for the period beginning July 1, 1983; on September 15, 1983 for the period beginning October 1, 1983 and on December 15, 1983 for the period beginning January 1, 1984.

Companies owning vehicles 3,000 kg or less will be assigned or may select a renewal date of their choice, or after June 1, 1983 pick several dates throughout the year and renew a specified number of vehicles on each date.

## Trailers

There is a one-time fee of \$25 for trailer registration. If you sell your trailer, remove the plate and keep it for your next trailer.

## Motorcycles and Mopeds

In 1983, the deadline date for registration will be February 28 and will be prorated from January 1, 1983 to the owner's birthdate.

The annual fee for motorcycles will be \$24 and mopeds \$6.

## Own Choice Plates

Beginning June 1, 1983, you may order personalized or "own choice" licence plates at any issuing office for an additional fee.

Own choice plates may have from two to six characters (maximum of four if numerals only). They can be arranged in any combination of numbers and letters except those combinations used on regular plates.

For example "SAM 111" won't be available for an own choice plate because the three number-three letter combination is used on regular plates for passenger vehicles. However, "SAM" would be acceptable because the three-letter combination alone is not used on any regular plates.

Objectionable combinations may be denied.

## Questions and Answers

**Q. When does this new system start?**

A. The new registration system starts December 1, 1982, when the 1983 stickers go on sale.

**Q. Can the local issuing agent handle all licensing needs?**

A. Yes. Every issuing agent is equipped to perform all vehicle licensing transactions.

**Q. Do I keep the same plates I have now, or do I get new plates?**

A. If you own a vehicle at the time the program starts, you will keep your current plates.

**Q. To whom will the licence plates be registered?**

A. The plates you now have will be registered to you. If you sell your vehicle, take the plates off and keep them.

**Q. Will there be a new vehicle permit?**

A. Yes. The new permit will be issued to you on your first renewal after June 1, 1983. It will be divided into three parts... plate, vehicle and change of address portion.

**Q. Must the vehicle permit be kept in my vehicle?**

A. The law requires that the vehicle permit be kept in the vehicle for which it was issued.

**Q. Where does the new sticker go on the licence plate of passenger vehicles? Commercial vehicles?**

A. The sticker goes on the upper right-hand corner of the rear licence plate. Commercial vehicle stickers go on the front licence plate.

**Q. What is the annual fee for vehicle registration?**

A. • \$48 a year (\$4 a month) for passenger cars, private use pickups and vans;  
• \$24 a year (\$2 a month) for motorcycles;  
• \$6 a year (50¢ a month) for mopeds;  
• \$72 a year (\$6 a month) for commercial vehicles (except buses) weighing 3,000 kg or less;

**Q. What if I purchase a vehicle for the first time and don't have any plates?**

A. You may buy new plates at any licence issuing office when you register your vehicle.

**Q. My birthday is in February. I've always gotten my new sticker in February and paid for 12 months. Why am I paying for 14 months in February 1983?**

**A.** The licensing year has always been from January 1 to December 31. Under the old system, motorists were given a two-month period of grace. Since your birthday is in February, the fee will include the 12 months in 1983 plus January and February of 1984. Then, beginning in February 1984, you will renew each February and pay for 12 months each time.

**Q. For 1983, can I still obtain my sticker in February, or must I have it by January 1st?**

**A.** During the conversion to the new system in 1983, February 28th will still be the deadline for licence validation. However, your new sticker will be prorated from January 1st to your birthdate.

**Q. How do I transfer ownership under the new system if I sell my vehicle?**

**A.** You remove the plates from your vehicle and keep them. You also keep the plate portion of the permit which has your validation sticker on it. Then you complete the transfer information on the back of the vehicle portion of the permit and give it to the buyer.

**Q. If I buy a used vehicle, will I still need to obtain a Safety Standards Certificate before transferring the vehicle to my name?**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. What if I am scrapping my vehicle?**

**A.** You remove the plates and give the wrecker the vehicle portion of the permit.

**Q. May I keep my plates if I'm not buying a new vehicle right away?**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. As a seller of a motor vehicle, must I notify MTC of the transaction?**

**A.** No. It will be the new owner's responsibility to report the vehicle change of ownership to MTC within six days.

**Q. How long do I keep these plates?**

**A.** You keep them until you need to replace them, i.e., lost or damaged.

**Q. Do residents of northern Ontario still receive a reduced fee for passenger cars?**

**A.** Yes.

For further information, contact your nearest licence issuing office.

# Here are the passenger car fees for 1983

If your Birthday  
is in.

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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*Your fee is.	\$24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68
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Your licence plate	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
is valid until.	83	83	83	83	83	83	84	84	84	84	84	84

\*Northern Ontario residents pay half this amount.